



ASSUMPTION COLLEGE

THE NINETY-FOURTH COMMENCEMENT

SATURDAY, THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF MAY,
TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN

Order of Exercises

Academic Procession

Presiding

Francesco C. Cesareo, Ph.D., *President*

Master of Ceremonies

Francis M. Lazarus, Ph.D., *Provost and Academic Vice President*

Invocation

The Reverend Dennis M. Gallagher, A.A. '69, *Vice President for Mission*

National Anthem

Senior members of the Assumption College Chorale
Michelle Graveline, D.M.A., *Director, Professor of Music*

Welcome

Francesco C. Cesareo, Ph.D., *President*

Valedictory Address

Alexandria Marie Orlando, *Valedictorian*

Introduction of Speaker

Brendan Patrick Shea, *Salutatorian*

Commencement Address

Immaculée Ilibagiza, *Rwandan Genocide Survivor and Author*

Honorary Degree Recipients

Immaculée Ilibagiza, *presented by Sr. Clare Teresa Tjäder, R.A.*
The Rev. L. Richard Frechette, C.P., D.O. '74, *presented by The Rev. Dennis Gallagher, A.A. '69*
Thomas J. Walsh, M.D. '74, *presented by Thomas D. Manning '69, G'71*
Susan B. Woodbury, *presented by Janice L. Fuller*

Presentation of Special Candidate for Degree

Henry A. Prunier '46

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees in Course

Francis M. Lazarus, Ph.D., *Provost and Academic Vice President*

Bachelor of Arts Degrees

Eloise Knowlton, Ph.D., *Dean of Undergraduate Studies*
Jennifer Morrison, Ph.D., *Associate Dean for the First Year*

Continuing & Career Education Degrees

Jeffrey G. Hunter, D.B.A., *Interim Dean of Graduate Studies*

Graduate Degrees

Jeffrey G. Hunter, D.B.A., *Interim Dean of Graduate Studies*

Alma Mater

Assumption College Chorale and the Symphonic Brass Quartet
Michelle Graveline, D.M.A., *Director, Professor of Music*

Remarks and Benediction

The Most Reverend George E. Rueger, D.D., HD'88, *Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Worcester*

Recessional

Reception

Plourde Recreation Center

Immaculée Ilibagiza

Commencement Speaker; Doctor of Humane Letters

Immaculée Ilibagiza survived the horrors of the 1994 Rwandan genocide that took the lives of nearly one million Tutsi men, women and children during a 100-day rampage by members of the majority Hutu tribe. Author of the book, *Left to Tell – Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust*, Ilibagiza speaks passionately to audiences around the world about surviving the slaughter and, ultimately, forgiving the perpetrators of the violence that also killed her parents, two of her brothers and her extended family.

Then a student at Rwanda's National University, where she was studying electronic and mechanical engineering, Ilibagiza had come home for Easter when the murderous rampage began. She credits her survival to her strong Catholic faith, a courageous Hutu minister, and a red and white rosary, which was a gift from her father. For 91 days she and seven other Tutsi women were given shelter in the minister's home. They hid in silence a bathroom too tiny for all to sit on the floor at once. They managed to remain undiscovered for three months during which Ilibagiza prayed, said the rosary and taught herself English from a discarded French-English dictionary. Miraculously, the women escaped certain death from the armed marauders they often heard outside and inside the house.

Four years after she was rescued and sent to a refugee camp, Ilibagiza immigrated to the United States and went to work for the United Nations. Now, nearly two decades since the tragedy of the Rwandan genocide shocked the world, she travels the globe as a powerful voice for forgiveness and a passionate advocate of human rights. She established the Left to Tell Charitable Fund to help orphans in Rwanda by providing educational supplies and scholarships. She conducts hope and healing retreats throughout the country, and has written three books on healing, understanding and forgiveness. Her work has been featured on *60 Minutes*. Among her many awards are the 2007 Mahatma Gandhi International Award for Reconciliation and Peace, and honorary degrees from several American universities. She and her husband, Bryan Black, have two children and live in New York.

The Rev. L. Richard Frechette, C.P., D.O. '74

Doctor of Laws

The Rev. L. Richard Frechette, C.P., D.O. '74, is a priest, a physician and a missionary. The director of Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos International's (NPH) programs in Haiti, Fr. Rick, as he is known to his young patients, also directs The Passionist order's missions there. He oversees an orphanage, schools, mobile clinics and a pediatric hospital. St. Damien Hospital for children provides long-term care to critically ill children and outpatient services to more than 30,000 patients annually, all at no charge. He does what is needed, which includes burying the dead with dignity, and in some cases, ransoming hostages. For nearly 25 years, he has served as a Passionist missionary in Haiti, where he works to improve the physical and spiritual lives of children amid the extreme poverty, violence and social upheaval of the island nation, which was devastated by the 2010 earthquake that claimed more than 200,000 lives.

Fr. Rick graduated from Assumption with a degree in mathematics and philosophy. He went on to St. John's University as a seminarian. He was ordained a Passionist priest in 1979. After several years in parish work in Baltimore, he worked with NPH orphanages in Mexico and Honduras before going to Haiti. As a missionary there, he soon realized that the Haitian children were in desperate need of medical care. In 1994 he returned to the United States to enroll in the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine. After graduating in 1998, he returned to Haiti to apply his medical knowledge on behalf of the children. He is NPH's regional director of the Caribbean (national director in Haiti) and a member of the NPH International Health Services Team, which oversees the medical needs of the children in nine countries.

In addition to international media coverage of his work in Haiti, Fr. Rick has received many honors, including the 2009 Hollywood Humanitarian Award, for "his dedication to fighting injustice and for creating social change for the improvement of humanity." He is the author of the book *Haiti: The God of Tough Places, The Lord of Burnt Men* (2010).

Thomas J. Walsh, M.D. '74

Doctor of Laws

As a research leader, medical educator and a physician, Thomas J. Walsh, M.D. '74, has dedicated his career to the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of life-threatening infectious diseases in the world's most vulnerable patients – children and adults with cancer and immune system issues. In 2010, after 25 years at the National Cancer Institute (NCI), Walsh was appointed director of the Transplantation-Oncology Infectious Diseases Program at Cornell University's Weill Cornell Medical College in New York, where he is also a professor of medicine. In addition, he is an assistant attending physician at Weill-Cornell's New York-Presbyterian Hospital.

A biology major at Assumption, Walsh earned his medical degree at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. At NCI, he completed a decade of clinical and laboratory postdoctoral training, leading to board certification in internal medicine, infectious diseases and medical oncology. He has taught at the University of Maryland and the Johns Hopkins University schools of medicine. As a senior medical researcher, and later as chief of the immune-compromised host section of NCI's Pediatric Oncology Branch, he developed a renowned laboratory and research program.

Walsh has been recognized for his innovative teaching and multidisciplinary research into the infectious diseases that put pediatric and adult cancer patients at greater risk. Among many his many honors, he has received the *NIH Distinguished Clinical Teachers Award* and was named the 2010 *sanofi-aventis ICAAC Award Laureate* for "his laboratory investigations and clinical research that have greatly advanced the field of antifungal therapy and improved the lives of thousands of patients worldwide."

Known for 80-hour work weeks and extensive volunteerism, Walsh was, until 2010, a captain in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. He was deployed to provide medical care to victims of national disasters, including hurricanes Katrina and Rita. He also volunteered his services during the September 11 terrorist attacks in New York. He and his wife, Sherril, have two daughters.

Susan B. Woodbury

Doctor of Laws

Susan B. Woodbury is a prominent philanthropic leader who has contributed her time, expertise and other resources to the success of nonprofit entities throughout Central Massachusetts and the northeast. Widely respected for her clear-eyed vision, work ethic and professionalism, Woodbury has provided outstanding service, wise stewardship and generous support as a board member, volunteer or valuable friend to an array of educational institutions, cultural entities and other organizations to strengthen the fabric of her hometown, Worcester. As chair of the venerable George I. Alden Trust for nearly a decade – and a trustee since her appointment in 1993 – Woodbury has remained true to Mr. Alden's guiding philanthropic principle, to enhance the intellectual growth of students through transformative investments in educational institutions focused on excellence. She will retire from the Alden Trust this year.

Under Woodbury's enlightened leadership, the Worcester-based philanthropic foundation has supported and sustained educational excellence through its strategic investments in capital projects at independent colleges and universities in New England. A great friend to Assumption College, the Alden Trust has provided generous support for critical campus projects since 1957. They include the Hagan Campus Center, Emmanuel d'Alzon Library, the Plourde Recreation Center, the Testa Science Center and the Alden Trust Auditorium in the Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr., Memorial Hall on campus.

Woodbury's personal litany of good works and support include Bancroft School from which she graduated, the Junior League of Worcester and the Worcester Historical Museum, to name a few. She also serves as a incorporator for Worcester's EcoTarium and the YWCA. A graduate of Mount Holyoke College, she began her career at Provident National Bank in Philadelphia, where she was the youngest female titled officer at the time of her election in 1967. She worked for the prestigious law firm of Bowditch & Dewey from 1987 to 1993. She is married to David Woodbury and they have four children.

Class of 2011 Academic Honors Recipients

Christina M. Acunzo	History
Jennifer Elizabeth Bayliss	French
Danielle Elizabeth Beliveau	Political Science
Kerry Anne Benedict	Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies with a Concentration in Communication Sciences & Disorders
Laura Ruth Brannon	Graphic Design
Caroline Elizabeth Cloyd	International Business
Angela Katherine DeMalia	Foreign Languages
Margaret Colleen Flynn	Organizational Communication
Amber Joselyn Fournier	Classics with Concentration in Latin
Amber Joselyn Fournier	Spanish
James Paul Gangi	English Literature
Tammy Jean Goguen	Classics with Concentration in Greek
Julia Anne Hazlett	Mathematics
Julia Anne Hazlett	Theology
Leslie Howard Higgins	Philosophy
Kyle Skopil Johnson	Economics
Grace Agnes Kennedy	Sociology
Susan Jean Konola	Art History
Kerriann Michelle Lessard	Music
Jillian Leigh Martucci	Psychology
Jillian Leigh Martucci	Theatre
Chantel Nicole McLellan	Chemistry
Maria Lauren McSorley	Secondary Education
Cerilenne Menendez Mendoza	Latin American Studies
Brett Elizabeth Murphy	Global Studies
Alexandria Marie Orlando	Accounting
Marina Elaine Pithis	Studio Art
Candace Lee Pladziewicz	Management
Allyson Avery Rennell	English, Writing and Mass Communications
Brendan Patrick Shea	Marketing
Dana Michelle Shypula	Elementary Education
Poliane Michele Silva de Oliveira	International Economics
Alyssa Marie Tulipano	Biology
Brian Michael Warfield	Computer Science
Samantha Rae Wessling	Environmental Science
Herbert Jesse Woodard III	Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies

Undergraduate College

BACHELOR OF ARTS

- Kelsey Abelein, *History; Secondary Education; cum laude*
- William James Abernethy, *International Business; cum laude*
- Christopher George Acciardi, *Political Science*
- FC Christina M. Acunzo, *History; magna cum laude*
- Bethany Anne Adams, *Management*
- Mona Taule Al-Abadi, *Psychology*
- Elena Albanese, *Accounting*
- Zachary Patrick Allen, *Sociology*
- Stephanie Lynn Alonso, *Psychology; Sociology; magna cum laude*
- Eric Martin Amado*, *Political Science*
- Theresa Marie Amelio, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*
- Elizabeth Rose Anania, *Marketing*
- Gregory Andrew Anderson, *Biology*
- Richard Allen Anderson, *Accounting*
- Ashley Morgan Angus, *Marketing*
- Douglas Joseph Anton,
History; Secondary Education; summa cum laude
- Nicole Ann Ardine, *Accounting*
- Gabrielle Foster Attra, *Organizational Communication*
- Elizabeth Lee Aubin, *History*
- Sherri Emma Baker, *Psychology*
- Michael Richard Baldarelli, *Management; magna cum laude*
- Carleigh Signe Baldwin, *History; Political Science; cum laude*
- Jurgis Baliulis, *Marketing*
- Kelsey Lynn Baltzell, *Accounting*
- John-Michael Barker*, *Sociology*
- Andrew Stuart Barnes, *History; magna cum laude*
- James Joseph Barrett V, *Economics with Business Concentration*
- HP Michelle Diane Barrows, *Psychology; magna cum laude*
- John Patrick Barry*, *English, Writing & Mass Communications*
- Katie Lyn Barthelette, *English; Elementary Education*
- Keith Michael Bates, *Accounting; cum laude*
- Jennifer Elizabeth Bayliss, *French; Spanish; magna cum laude*
- Caitlen Anne Beahn,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; summa cum laude
- Courtney Anne Beliveau, *Accounting; cum laude*
- HP Danielle Elizabeth Beliveau, *Political Science; summa cum laude*
- Katherine Michell Beltre, *Political Science*
- Kerry Anne Benedict,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; magna cum laude
- Stephen Paul Berarducci Jr., *History; Political Science*
- Justin Alexander Berg, *Accounting; cum laude*
- Megan Evelyn Bertel, *Visual Arts with Studio Concentration;
Secondary Education; cum laude*
- Adriana Maria Bianco, *Biology*
- Samantha Theresa Bigg, *Sociology; cum laude*
- Ashley Rose Bilodeau, *Marketing*
- Jonathan Joseph Bishop, *English; Political Science*
- Jane Catherine Bittner, *Biology; Psychology*
- Corey Vaughn Blackwood, *Sociology*
- Stephen Robert Blaisdell, *Psychology; cum laude*
- Cinzia Ann Bologna, *Spanish; Elementary Education*
- Matthew Peter Boruchowski, *Accounting*
- Brittany Nicole Boyle, *Marketing*
- Laura Ruth Brannon,
English, Writing & Mass Communications; cum laude
- Michael Benjamin Brede, *Psychology; cum laude*
- Julia Elizabeth Brough, *Organizational Communication; cum laude*
- Lauren Alyssa Brown, *Foreign Language*
- Kelly Catherine Brzozowski, *Management; cum laude*
- Brian Edward Bugler Jr., *Accounting*
- Daniel John Bumbarger, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*
- Timothy Alan Burgess, *Accounting; magna cum laude*
- Katelyn Colleen Burke,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; cum laude
- Martin Joseph Burke*, *Sociology*
- Stephanie Elizabeth Burns, *Organizational Communication*
- Kelly Anne Burtchell, *Sociology; cum laude*
- Molly Jane Bush, *Mathematics; Elementary Education*
- Richard Eric Bylund, *Marketing*
- Peter Benjamin Calderon, *Graphic Design*
- Thomas Joseph Campion Jr., *Management*
- David Neal Canney, *Biology*
- Ashley Elizabeth Cannon,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; cum laude
- Elaina Maurine Cardullo, *Psychology; cum laude*
- Gina Marie Casadonte, *Mathematics; summa cum laude*
- John Joseph Casey, *Psychology; cum laude*

- Maryellen Casey, *Marketing*
- Brigit Eileen Catalanotti, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*
- Maria Rose Cerce,
English, Writing & Mass Communications; summa cum laude
- Marissa Deborah Cerretani, *Graphic Design*
- Kristina Lauren Chakarian,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; magna cum laude
- Matthew W. Chalmers*, *Accounting*
- Diana Margarita Romero Charris, *International Business*
- HP Jessica Ann Chmielewski, *Psychology; Sociology; cum laude*
- Heather Ann Christie, *History; Elementary Education*
- Michael Francis Cincotta, *Management*
- Christine Anne Cleary,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; magna cum laude
- Line Jessie Clervil, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*
- Caroline Elizabeth Cloyd, *International Business; magna cum laude*
- Lauren Elizabeth Coffey, *Sociology; cum laude*
- Mark Douglas Corrado, *Accounting*
- James Alexander Costa,
English, Writing & Mass Communications; cum laude
- Jessica G. Costa, *Accounting; cum laude*
- Steven Alexander Cota, *Marketing*
- Megan Mary Coughlin, *Organizational Communication*
- Katelyn Marie Cousens, *English*
- Jocelyn Ola Cousins, *Accounting*
- Michelle Christina Coutoumas*, *Management*
- Patricia Anne Coyne, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*
- Karen Elizabeth Craig, *Marketing; summa cum laude*
- Michael Christopher Cram, *Psychology; magna cum laude*
- Stephanie Elena Creedon, *Organizational Communication*
- Julie Dorothea Creighton, *Biology*
- Ryan Andrew Crowley, *Accounting*
- Jillian Marie Daley, *Accounting; magna cum laude*
- Rachel Ann Dalo,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; Theology; magna cum laude
- Jenna Lee Damato, *Psychology; summa cum laude*
- Caitlin Nicole DeFerrari, *Marketing; magna cum laude*
- Danielle Charlene DeLaura, *Organizational Communication; cum laude*
- Candice Marie Deligolia, *Accounting; magna cum laude*
- Angela Katherine DeMalia,
Foreign Language; Elementary Education; summa cum laude
- Jacqueline Marie Denault, *English*
- Giuliana Erica D'Eramo, *Psychology; cum laude*
- Walter Arthur Derosier IV, *History; Secondary Education*
- Lloyd Kevin Heshan de Silva*, *Organizational Communication*
- Nicole Jean Desrosiers, *English, Writing & Mass Communications*
- Kerry Rose DeVito, *English*
- Emily Catherine DiCapua, *Mathematics; Secondary Education*
- Stephen Michael DiCicco, *Economics with Business Concentration*
- Louis Donald DiCrescentis Jr.,
Philosophy; Political Science; cum laude
- Ellen Marie DiMarzo, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*
- Michael Anthony Dion, *Biotechnology & Molecular Biology*
- Drew Robert Dombkowski*, *Biology*
- Raffi Donabedian, *Accounting; cum laude*
- Patrick McCarthy Donlin, *Organizational Communication; cum laude*
- Lindsay Ann Donovan, *Accounting*
- William Francis Dooley, *Environmental Science; cum laude*
- Anthony Sebastian Dowd, *Marketing*
- Philip Joseph Dozois, *Accounting*
- Aimee Rose Drainville*, *English, Writing & Mass Communications*
- Renee Ann Duhaime, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*
- Bryan Dennis Duke, *Marketing*
- Connor Francis Dunn, *Marketing*
- Caitlin Margaret Dwyer*, *Biology*
- Michael Scott Dwyer, *Accounting*
- Patrick Daniel Dyer, *Global Studies with Business Concentration*
- Ashley Arian Erkoc, *Marketing; Psychology; cum laude*
- Richard Esposito Jr., *Economics*
- Jorge Manuel Esteves, *Accounting*
- Mark Nicholas Faenza, *Marketing*
- Christopher Angelo Fallago,
Biology, Environmental Science; cum laude
- Alissa Dumlao Fallesgon, *Psychology; cum laude*
- Michael James Fazio, *Chemistry*
- Mark William Featherstone*, *Philosophy*
- Joseph Ian Feldman, *Biology*
- Colleen Helen Fenlon*, *English*
- Angelica Bianca Ferri, *Marketing*
- Nicole Laraine Finneran, *English; Secondary Education*
- Patrick Francis Fitzgibbons, *Marketing*
- Margaret Colleen Flynn,
Marketing; Organizational Communication; magna cum laude
- Jill Elizabeth Foley, *Accounting*
- Michael John Foley, *History; Secondary Education; magna cum laude*

- Michael Timothy Foley, *Sociology*
- Lauren N. Forgione, *History; Elementary Education*
- Amber Joselyn Fournier, *English; Spanish; magna cum laude*
- Celia Felicienne Fox, *Psychology; cum laude*
- Grace Elizabeth Fox, *Accounting; summa cum laude*
- Michelle Elizabeth Francis, *Marketing*
- Gregory Michael Frew, *Psychology; summa cum laude*
- Shawn R. Frigon, *Sociology*
- Bernadette Ann Fuentes, *Biology; magna cum laude*
- Matthew John Gagliardi, *History; Secondary Education*
- Meghan Marie Gallagher, *Management; cum laude*
- James Paul Gangi, *English; summa cum laude*
- Marely Marie Garcia, *History; Political Science; cum laude*
- Sarah T. Garrity, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*
- Mark Andrew Gately, *Organizational Communication*
- Adam Robert Gaudreau, *Economics*
- Rayanna Jeanne Gaumond, *Graphic Design; cum laude*
- Natalie Jeanne Geeza,
History; Secondary Education; magna cum laude
- Kristin Joy Geyer, *English, Writing & Mass Communications*
- Gaetano Leonardo Giambrocco*, *History*
- Jennifer Rose Giampaolo,
English, Writing & Mass Communications; cum laude
- Heather Ann Gianfriddo,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; magna cum laude
- Alicyn Claire Gilberto, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*
- Erin Marie Gildea, *Marketing*
- Nicholas Russell Giokas, *Psychology*
- Shannon Rose Glennon, *Marketing*
- James Malone Glosinski*, *Management*
- Tammy Jean Goguen, *Classics; magna cum laude*
- Nicolas Gonzalez, *International Business; Latin American Studies*
- Amy Mary Gordon, *Management*
- Brittany Ann Grasseschi, *Biology; magna cum laude*
- Joseph Robert Green, *Management*
- Jonathan William Roland Grenier,
English, Writing & Mass Communications
- Molly Louise Griffiths, *Accounting*
- Brittany Marie Grosse, *Organizational Communication*
- John Andrew Guinan, *Philosophy; Political Science*
- Stephen Francis Alvarez Gunneson, *Organizational Communication*
- Sydney Rose Gusha, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*
- Jillian Nicole Guzinski, *Management*
- Taylor Madeleine Gys, *Accounting*
- Tobin Alexander Haase, *Economics with Business Concentration*
- Armen David Habosian*, *Marketing*
- Andrew Emanuel Haggett, *Mathematics*
- Jillian Eleanor Hanley, *English, Writing & Mass Communications*
- Margaret Elizabeth Hanley, *English; cum laude*
- Megan Kathleen Harrington, *Sociology; cum laude*
- HP Angela Julie Harris, *Psychology; summa cum laude*
- Kimberly Marie Harvey, *Management*
- Karen Lynne Hatch, *Accounting; cum laude*
- Julia Anne Hazlett, *Mathematics; Theology; summa cum laude*
- Brendan James Healy, *History*
- Kayla Elizabeth Heaney, *English, Writing & Mass Communications*
- Angela Marie Hernandez, *Management*
- HP Leslie Howard Higgins,
Philosophy; Political Science; Theology; summa cum laude
- Amber Leigh Hill, *Latin American Studies; Spanish*
- Karl Martin Hirschegger, *Biology*
- Mallory Katherine Howard,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies
- Robert Allen Hurley Jr., *Marketing*
- Kevin Huynh, *Biology with Concentration in Biotechnology*
- Danielle Elizabeth Iozzo, *English, Writing & Mass Communications*
- Zachary Michael Jacques*, *Marketing*
- Patrick Robert Jergel, *Accounting; magna cum laude*
- Kyle Skopil Johnson, *Economics; summa cum laude*
- Lauren Ashley Johnson, *English*
- Nicolas Edward Joubert*, *Marketing*
- Lauren E. Keating, *History; Secondary Education; magna cum laude*
- Eric Richard Keenan*, *Art History; History*
- FG Christopher Paul Kelley, *Philosophy; Theology*
- Lucas Michael Kelliher, *Accounting*
- Daniel Ryan Kelly, *Marketing*
- Siobhan Elizabeth Kelly, *Sociology; magna cum laude*
- Grace Agnes Kennedy,
Music; Psychology; Sociology; summa cum laude
- Brittany Leigh Kindberg, *Psychology; cum laude*
- James Francis King, *Management*
- Susan Jean Konola,
Visual Arts with History Concentration; magna cum laude
- Kiley Shamus Krafve, *Biotechnology & Molecular Biology*

- Liam Kristinnsson*, *Organizational Communication*
- Benjamin Thomas Krol, *History; cum laude*
- Nathan Russell Kuffrey, *Biology*
- Andrew John Kupec, *Marketing; cum laude*
- Ryan William Kushman, *Management*
- Marc Nicolas Labb, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*
- Danielle Marie Lamoureux, *Organizational Communication*
- William Roger Langevin, *International Business*
- Kylie Erin LaPlante, *Management*
- Courtney Ann Lefebvre, *History; Elementary Education; cum laude*
- Kerriann Michelle Lessard,
History; Music; Secondary Education; summa cum laude
- Melissa Lynn Lewis, *Sociology*
- Patrick Francis Lindberg, *Management*
- Brandon Michael Logee, *Accounting*
- Samantha Alicia Lohnes, *Mathematics*
- Michael Christopher Lubin, *English, Writing & Mass Communications*
- Kathryn Elizabeth Luby,
Mathematics; Secondary Education; magna cum laude
- Danielle Marie Luongo,
English; Secondary Education; magna cum laude
- Colin Thomas Lynch, *History*
- Sarah Elizabeth Lyons,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; Psychology
- Stephen Michael MacDonald, *History*
- Kayla Marie Machado, *Marketing; cum laude*
- Nicole Marie Macioci, *Sociology; summa cum laude*
- Conor Joseph Mack, *Organizational Communication*
- Megan Marie MacKenzie, *International Business; magna cum laude*
- Kevin Robert Mackie, *Sociology*
- Alexander Joseph Mackoul, *Psychology; magna cum laude*
- FC Heather Elizabeth MacLeod, *Political Science; magna cum laude*
- Tanya Ray Mahon, *English; Spanish; magna cum laude*
- Courtney Leigh Mahoney,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; summa cum laude
- Katelyn Marie Mahoney,
Mathematics; Elementary Education; cum laude
- Marissa Jennifer Malarkey, *Marketing*
- Julie Ann Malinowski, *Accounting*
- Ashley Taylor Marco, *Accounting*
- Christine Diana Marotto,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; magna cum laude
- Nicole Marie Marotto, *Psychology; magna cum laude*
- Jennifer Leeann Marques, *Theology*
- Jamie Lynn Marrone, *Psychology; cum laude*
- Matthew Edwin Martin, *Accounting*
- Joseph Charles Martini, *Management*
- Jillian Leigh Martucci, *Psychology; summa cum laude*
- Alex Steven Mascaro, *Economics*
- Alexi Lynn Maxfield, *Marketing*
- Ethan M. Maxfield, *Organizational Communication*
- Taylor Ashley May, *Marketing; cum laude*
- Katlyne Elizabeth McAneaney, *Psychology*
- Elizebeth Mary McCahill, *Chemistry*
- Brendan Patrick McCann, *Mathematics*
- Katherine Theresa McClafferty, *Psychology; magna cum laude*
- Meaghan Elizabeth McCullough,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies
- Christopher Michael McDermott,
Economics with International Concentration; Political Science
- Justine Caron McElroy, *Psychology; Theology; summa cum laude*
- Brendan William McGee, *Marketing*
- Thomas Andrew McGinley, *History; magna cum laude*
- Michael Bartholomew McIntyre Jr., *Biology*
- Halley Frances McKenna, *Biology*
- Brian Lawrence McKinley, *Management*
- Kathryn Jean McKittrick, *Management; magna cum laude*
- David William McLean Jr., *Management*
- Meaghan Hamilton McLean,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies
- Chantel Nicole McLellan, *Chemistry; magna cum laude*
- Jeffrey Michael McNamara, *History; Political Science*
- Benjamin Charles McNeil, *English; History; cum laude*
- Kelley Marie McNutt, *Theology; magna cum laude*
- Maria Lauren McSorley,
English; Secondary Education; summa cum laude
- Michelle Nicole Megnia, *Chemistry*
- Susan Rebecca Melnick, *Music*
- Cerilenne Menendez Mendoza,
Accounting; Latin American Studies; magna cum laude
- Ryan James Meyer, *Accounting; Management*
- Elizabeth Ann Micozzi, *Mathematics*
- Daniel Philip Miletti, *Organizational Communication*
- Rachel Marie Minotti,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; cum laude
- Corey Matthew Mitchell, *Accounting; magna cum laude*

- Lance Demetrui Mitchell*,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies
- James Anthony Mongello,
Economics; Management; magna cum laude
- Kelly Ann Moran, *English; Writing & Mass Communications*
- Trisha Nicole Morris, *Marketing*
- John M. Mullen Jr., *History; cum laude*
- Stephen H. Mulligan, *Sociology*
- Elizabeth Lura Murdoch,
Mathematics; Secondary Education; magna cum laude
- Brett Elizabeth Murphy,
Global Studies with Cultural Affairs Concentration; summa cum laude
- John Patrick Murphy, *Marketing*
- Ryan Douglas Myers, *Accounting*
- Jenelle Patricia Nadeau, *Organizational Communication*
- HP Jacquelyn Elizabeth Nardelli, *Psychology; magna cum laude*
- Courtney Marie Neves,
History; Elementary Education; magna cum laude
- Marcus Steven Nichols*, *Marketing*
- HP Sandra Corinne Nicolora, *Accounting; summa cum laude*
- Tracy Gerdanie Noncent, *English, Writing & Mass Communications*
- Taylor Mary Nunez,
English, Writing & Mass Communications; magna cum laude
- Lauren Joyce O'Brien,
English; Elementary Education; magna cum laude
- Shannon Margaret O'Hara,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies
- Edward Thomas Oliver III, *Political Science; cum laude*
- Laura Ann Olson, *Psychology; cum laude*
- HP Alexandria Marie Orlando, *Accounting; summa cum laude*
- Amy-Leigh Pacansky, *Accounting*
- Jessica Lee Palladino,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; Psychology
- Alexander Charles Pandil*, *History*
- Nicole Rose Pantazis, *English; Elementary Education; cum laude*
- Joseph Nicholas Paolini, *Accounting*
- David Michael Paradise, *German; History; cum laude*
- John David Pardi, *Accounting*
- Nicholas James Pardy, *Marketing*
- Nicole Sheri Parsons,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; cum laude
- Sara Marie Paulsen, *English, Writing & Mass Communications*
- Elizabeth Ashley Penta, *Environmental Science*
- Michael William Perkins, *Economics*
- Anita Yvonne Perla,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; magna cum laude
- Timothy J. Perreault, *Computer Science; Mathematics*
- Matthew Joseph Pescatore,
Biology with Concentration in Biotechnology
- Katelyn Elizabeth Phaup, *Biology*
- Julie Elizabeth Pietrasik, *Psychology*
- Bryan Francis Pinto, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*
- Allison Marie Piscitelli, *English*
- Marina Elaine Pithis, *Visual Arts with Studio Concentration;
Secondary Education; cum laude*
- Candace Lee Pladziewicz, *Management; magna cum laude*
- Alexander Philip Polanik, *History*
- Kathleen Elizabeth Pontes*, *History*
- Jarrod Ryan Pouliot, *Biotechnology & Molecular Biology*
- Matthew William Powell, *Management; Marketing; cum laude*
- Andrea Lynne Predella, *Management*
- Alexandra Marie Prizio, *Mathematics*
- Joseph Michael Proia, *Accounting*
- Erica Jon Pyznar, *English, Writing & Mass Communications; cum laude*
- Jonathan Gerardo Quevedo-Morales,
Economics with Business Concentration
- Devyn Kathleen Quigley, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*
- Kalen Antonio Ramie, *Philosophy; Political Science*
- Thomas Alexander Rando, *Political Science*
- Joshua Fredrick Ratacik*, *Organizational Communication*
- Bianca Simona Ravida, *Management*
- Colin Michael Reed, *Accounting*
- Jonathan Christopher Rego, *Psychology; magna cum laude*
- Lauren Michelle Reilly, *Accounting*
- Shannon Maura Reilly,
Global Studies with Social Science Concentration
- Allyson Avery Rennell,
English, Writing & Mass Communications; magna cum laude
- Jeremy Christopher Rice, *Accounting; cum laude*
- Kelli Anne Richardson,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; cum laude
- Jane Shelley Ricker, *Marketing*
- Patrick Dillon Ritter, *Accounting; Political Science; magna cum laude*
- Colleen Elizabeth Ritzer,
Mathematics; Secondary Education; magna cum laude
- Christine Kiley Roach,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; magna cum laude
- Jennifer Ann Roberge, *Political Science; summa cum laude*

- John Vincent Robinson, *Marketing*
- Jaymie Renee Rodyn*, *Organizational Communication*
- Sarah Elizabeth Roos, *Psychology*
- Sergio Alejandro Roque, *International Business*
- Jane Catherine Ross, *Marketing; cum laude*
- Gregory Boynton Rowland, *Political Science*
- Nestor Andres Rubiano, *International Business*
- Nicholas William Rucci*, *English*
- Caroline Marie Rufo, *Chemistry; cum laude*
- Stephanie Ann Russo, *English; Secondary Education*
- Jordan Charles Rutherford, *Sociology*
- Andrew George Saad, *Management*
- Emily Marlene Saidnawey, *Management*
- Michael David St. Bernard, *Sociology*
- Elizabeth Lauren Sanborn, *Organizational Communication*
- Robert Daniel Sansoucy, *Sociology; summa cum laude*
- Shayne Robert Saulnier, *Organizational Communication*
- Evan William Sauve, *English, Writing & Mass Communications*
- Lindsey Marie Schievink, *English, Writing & Mass Communications*
- Eric Joseph Schindler, *Accounting*
- Amanda Ann Schneider,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies
- Andrew Lepak Scholten, *Music*
- Matthew Lincoln Scioli, *Accounting*
- Joseph Andre Senecal, *Biotechnology & Molecular Biology*
- Nicholas Joseph Sestito, *Management*
- Brendan Patrick Shea, *History; Marketing; summa cum laude*
- James M. Sheehy Jr., *Psychology*
- Zachery David Shepherd, *Accounting*
- Katherine Anne Sherman, *Computer Science*
- Melanie Ann Shortall, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*
- Kaitlin Mary Shugrue, *History; Elementary Education; cum laude*
- Alexandra Leigh Shumway, *Political Science; magna cum laude*
- Dana Michelle Shypula,
English; Elementary Education; magna cum laude
- Victoria Rose Sicari, *Accounting*
- Matthew Charles Sidebottom, *History*
- Poliane Michele Silva de Oliveira,
Economics with International Concentration; summa cum laude
- Stephen Joseph Sime, *History*
- Justin John Skory*, *Marketing*
- Melissa Jean Smith, *English, Writing & Mass Communications; Political Science; magna cum laude*
- Michael John Smith III, *Management; cum laude*
- Tracy Lynn Smith,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; magna cum laude
- Marina Dawn Sobiech*, *Spanish*
- Dennis Joseph Sojka Jr., *Biology*
- Anthony Michael Solari, *History*
- Jaclyn Rose Sollima, *Psychology; cum laude*
- Nicole Erice-Marie Spadoni,
History; Elementary Education; magna cum laude
- Christopher T. Stack*, *Biology*
- John Gerard Staffier, *Management*
- Christine Patten Stanney, *Biology; cum laude*
- Kathleen Marie Storer, *Organizational Communication*
- Marilisa Strand,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; cum laude
- Gillian Clare Sugrue, *Accounting; cum laude*
- Brandan Padraig Sullivan,
Accounting; Economics with Business Concentration; cum laude
- Brian Edward Sullivan, *Accounting*
- Andrew Johnathan Surabian, *Political Science*
- Jeffrey C. Swan, *Economics; Mathematics; cum laude*
- Michael William Swanson, *Management; cum laude*
- Kevin Michael Sweeney, *Economics; Management; cum laude*
- David Christopher Taddei, *Environmental Science; cum laude*
- Alyssa Marie Taddeo, *Psychology; magna cum laude*
- Christine Emily Taksery, *Psychology; cum laude*
- Katie Filomena Tavares, *Biology; cum laude*
- Theresa Anne Taylor, *Mathematics; magna cum laude*
- Sarah Joy Tedeschi, *Management*
- Myra Ethwa Terry, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*
- Erin Marie Theriault, *Psychology*
- Rebecca Ann Thomas, *English*
- Makenzie Elizabeth Tonelli, *Psychology; summa cum laude*
- Avery Ann Toppino, *Accounting; cum laude*
- Gina Marie Torcoletti,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; summa cum laude
- Lauren Elizabeth Trapasso,
Philosophy; Sociology; magna cum laude
- Steven James Travaglini Jr., *Organizational Communication*
- Gina Marie Tremblay, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*
- Demetrios John Triantafilles, *Accounting; cum laude*

Alyssa Marie Tulipano, <i>Biology; magna cum laude</i>	Allison Michelle Waller, <i>Accounting</i>
Atte Markus Uola, <i>International Business</i>	Michael Fitzgerald Walsh, <i>Sociology</i>
Emily Rose Ustanowski, <i>Psychology</i>	Brian Michael Warfield, <i>Computer Science; cum laude</i>
Emily Elizabeth Vano, <i>Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies</i>	Michael Robert Webber, <i>Marketing</i>
Jessica Lyn Vavrek, <i>Economics with Business Concentration; cum laude</i>	Katelyn Christine Weber, <i>Marketing</i>
Stephanie Marie Ventriglia, <i>Biology; magna cum laude</i>	Samantha Rae Wessling, <i>Environmental Science; magna cum laude</i>
Nicole Patricia Vescera*, <i>Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies</i>	Alyssa Paige White, <i>Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies</i>
FG Kayla Margaret Vesey, <i>Chemistry; cum laude</i>	Brian Paul Williams, <i>Chemistry; cum laude</i>
Dexter Timothy-Arnold Viator, <i>History</i>	Jessica Lauren Wolter, <i>Organizational Communication</i>
Elizabeth Mary Villano, <i>Management; cum laude</i>	Herbert Jesse Woodard III, <i>Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies</i>
Jennifer Lynn Vincent, <i>Accounting; Management; magna cum laude</i>	Gregory Evan Zanello, <i>Management; Marketing; magna cum laude</i>
Nicholas Christopher Violandi, <i>Accounting</i>	Christopher Julio Zannotti, <i>Computer Science</i>
Scott Taylor Vogel, <i>Accounting; cum laude</i>	Megan Amanda Zarella, <i>Accounting</i>
Timothy Michael Vrabel, <i>History; magna cum laude</i>	Iain Alexander Zautner, <i>Economics; magna cum laude</i>
Lindsay Marie Walker, <i>Psychology; Sociology</i>	Matthew Timothy Zimei, <i>Computer Science</i>
Kevin James Wall, <i>History; Political Science; cum laude</i>	Mary Elizabeth Zollo, <i>Biology</i>
Carolyn Marie Wallace, <i>English</i>	

HP - Honors Program certificate recipient

FG - Honors certificate in Fortin and Gonthier Foundations of Western Civilization

* - Degree in progress

The Valedictorian and Salutatorian are chosen by a selection committee representing the faculty, administration, the Senior Class and the Dean of Undergraduate Studies from among the students fulfilling the criteria for a *summa cum laude* Bachelor of Arts degree in the undergraduate day college. In evaluating candidates for these awards, the selection committee does not consider grades for any external coursework. The committee reviews academic records and contributions to the community, and interviews candidates in order to select the recipients of the College's highest graduation honors.

This listing of candidates for degrees is accurate as of 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 12, 2011. This is not an official document of Assumption College.

Continuing and Career Education

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HUMANITIES

- ASL Mary E. Doane; *magna cum laude*
Laura Cecilia Melo de Ferrari *
- ASL Cynthia E. Payne; *summa cum laude*
- ASL LiSandra Rodriguez-Pagan; *summa cum laude*

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- Stephen Robert Bates
- ASL Sheryl A. Brower; *summa cum laude*
- ASL Lisa J. Leno; *magna cum laude*
Samantha S. MacKenzie; *cum laude*
- ASL Jody J. Mancini; *magna cum laude*
- ASL Dale L. Martensen; *summa cum laude*
Sharon Orengo-Watkins *
- Ismajl Paloja; *cum laude*
Deborah C. H. Peters
- ASL Michael E. Repasy; *summa cum laude*
Jeremy S. Wells; *cum laude*
Margaret A. Wetherell; *summa cum laude*

BACHELOR OF LIBERAL STUDIES

- ASL Kim J. Wescott; *summa cum laude*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN LIBERAL STUDIES

- ASL Michael A. Ladd; *summa cum laude*
- ASL Brenda L. Torres; *summa cum laude*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES

- ASL Tracie Lynn Carmel; *summa cum laude*
- ASL Maria A. Falcone; *magna cum laude*
Sharron Lynn Kraus Finlay; *cum laude*
Margaret T. Golden; *cum laude*
- ASL Nancy E. Haapakoski; *summa cum laude*
- ASL Michael A. LaCroix; *magna cum laude*
- ASL Joan McLaughlin-Greenwood; *summa cum laude*
- ASL Georgina Njenga; *magna cum laude*
- ASL Giselle E. Schultz; *magna cum laude*
- ASL Tracy Schultz; *summa cum laude*
Courtney Rae Shea
Lorne Smith
- ASL Kelley Ann Urella; *cum laude*

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN HUMANITIES

- Nicole S. Brower

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- Michelle J. Stephens

ASL - members of Alpha Sigma Lambda, the National Honor Society for Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning

* Degree in progress

Graduate Studies

MASTER OF ARTS

COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

Sean T. Aldrich
Christine Becerra
Jeannel M. Butler
Linda G. Charpentier
Daniel R. Costin
William G. Davidson
Adria L. DeBalsi
J. Rosalyn Diehl
Janet C. Hevey
Erica Lynn Jeneral
Nicole M. Kidd
Sara Marie Layman
Claudia Liloy
Jennifer M. Marr
Jessica A. McPartland
Joshua N. Nye
Jennifer Marie Pagan
Kristyn M. Perron
Karen S. Scafidi
Sean W. Schwalbe
Cara E. Spencer
Julia Maslen White
Keith Willette

REHABILITATION COUNSELING

Kristen M. Aberizk
Richelle C. Abrahams
Jon Stuart Albin
Lucia Angelina Alfaro
Jessica L. Assetta
Denise M. Boscoe
Paige R. Bryan
Alexa R. Burnham
Josephine Cardona
Amaryllis Chaves
Barbara A. Clarkson
Barbara J. Davis
Amanda R. Duffy
Molly K. Eastman
Angela Rachell Ewing
Lori A. Galindo
Amber N. Gandolfo-Domack
Clarissa A. Gates
Dale Kenneth Heffner
Sean Michael Kennedy
Emily S. Lamoureux
Hastie Lynn LeFevre
Michelle A. Lindstrom
Kirby Ryan Matthess
Emily L. Mellon
Deborah A. Mercier
Ann Marie Miles
Andrea M. Randall
Erin R. Ritacco
Laura B. Ross
Pamela S. Sargent
Katie Meaghan Shea
Cheryl M. Sidor
Christine R. Skarie
William J. Skelton
Shannon E. Smith
Justin Stephen Somers
Karen Holland Stack
Shannon S. Sullivan
Sara M. Sylvia
Kristy L. Tagliaferro
Suzanne Marie Wagner
Shereece Tania Williams

SCHOOL COUNSELING

Ariadna Alston
Matthew D. Anctil
Deborah Ann Bordage
Kaitlin R. Brazell
Korinna A. Daub
Nancy J. Duggan
Mark A. Felschow
Lauren L. Hubbell
Tennille L. Johnson
Stephanie R. Kos
Kimberly A. Malgieri
Kristin E. Maloney
Meghan A. O'Brien
Melissa A. Paradis
Thomas Patrick Quinn Jr.
Jordan M. Ruggeri
Mallory A. Scafidi
Kathryn Mary Seed
Andrew R. Skrocki
Bernadette T. Smith
Holly Parker Tabor-Hall
Rebecca Louise Taylor
Maria Pantos Tzikas
Jennifer L. Wells
Emily J. Wengertsman
David J. Willis

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Ashley A. Badeau
Erin M. Baron
Jill M. Drews
Robin D. Finkel
Mary Justine Hancock
Hilary F. Johnston
Daniel R. Kay
Lisa M. Martin
Alyse C. Moccia
Arwa S. Mustafa
Cara M. Noyes
Melissa Pichierri
Kristin Elizabeth Quinn
Paige S. Quinn
Adrienne Joan Rzasz
Courtney Jae Stratton
Alicia J. Winske
Allison E. Wood
Caitlin V. Woodbury

Graduate Studies

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Samuel Kyereko Agyare	James A. Lambert, III
Mark J. Baril	Tara A. Lapierre
Ashley J. Belanger	Laura A. Lawrence
Martin P. Bellovoda	Amy A. Lupien
Benjamin George William Boyden	Tara M. Malue
Brett R. Buchheister	Michelle Mathurin
Morgan Caruso Burdette	Mary L. McDonald
Jeanne L. Cao	Maria J. McManus
Jennifer T. Carabba	Angela R. Messer
Elizabeth E. Cogavin	Kerri A. Mills
Michelle A. Corbosiero	Sofia A. Müller
Deborah A. Crane	Gina Piermarini O'Neil
Matthew J. Donovan	Hung Q. Pham
Renee C. Duci	Erjona Rembeci
Carlos A. Echandia	Jackson B. Restrepo
Judith M. Eitas	Luvins Saint Fort
Amy M. Furtado	Kasereka Musande Salvator, A.A.
William Ferguson Galloway, IV	Amy E. Saulen
Paul Githiga	Philip J. Schneider
David Garry Hay Jr.	Tina M. Swaney-Black
Sean M. Hunter	Besnik Thaci
Adaeze C. Igbokwe	Iilir Thomollari
Sheena Lathoya Johnson	Elizabeth A. Torrey
Redi Kamberi	Michael Lawrence Ursoleo
Yekaterina Kazinik-Jorgji	Elizabeth Joy Vestal
Bryan Edward Koza	Lindsey Allison Willard
Chrisann Avis Kwederis	Megan Lynn Wnuk
Kardia Cristina LaFazia	Jason Yogo Yemo

CERTIFICATES OF ADVANCED GRADUATE STUDIES

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Ellen A. Santos

COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

Arelys Feliciano-Sanchez

REHABILITATION COUNSELING

Richelle C. Abrahams

Jon Stuart Albin

Patricia F. Brouwer

Alexa R. Burnham

Lori A. Galindo

Andrea M. Randall

Erin R. Ritacco

Shannon E. Smith

Justin Stephen Somers

Shannon S. Sullivan

SCHOOL COUNSELING

Anne M. Ciampaglia

Meredith A. Craig

Katherine V. Mariani



The Assumption College Mace

In medieval times the mace was used as a deadly war club. Later it became a symbol of authority, and in the context of an academic community, it has often signified teaching authority.

At Assumption College, education promotes self-discovery, but the true discovery of self must first take into account one's own nature and purpose. The symbolism of the mace reflects the simple but essential elements that make for a full and responsible consideration of self, within the broader context in which there can be a full blossoming of the individual.

An education at Assumption nurtures the growth of specific habits or, more precisely, virtues. These include: the Intellectual Virtues, which guide the student to truth; the Moral Virtues (prudence, justice, fortitude and moderation) which enable a person to lead a good life; and, most important of all, as Saint Paul and Saint Augustine would say, the Theological Virtues (faith, hope and charity), which lead the Christian to ultimate happiness. The Latin lettering on the three bands of the sterling node states the thrust of these essential virtues: *Intelligentia Adducitur Veritatem; Voluntas Adducitur Bonum; Cor Adducitur Amorem*. The staff could be considered a *lignum vitae* (tree of life), from which the virtues spring. The three upper branches of ebony and gold represent the virtues and their impact upon everyone at the College, symbolized by the multifaceted fluorite stone.

At Assumption, it is the community's shared vision that fosters a full flowering of the individual. The three blossoms of gold from the blue fluorite represent the individual coming to full maturity in Christ, in accord with the College's motto: "Until Christ be formed in you."

The Assumption College Mace was conceived, designed, created and given as a gift to the College by Paul A. Cavanagh of Greenville, Rhode Island.

Academic Regalia

The academic garb comes from the 12th and 13th centuries when most students and teachers were clerics and had taken at least minor holy orders. The assignment of colors to certain faculties, a much later development, was standardized in the United States in the late 19th century. White was assigned to arts and letters; red, a traditional color of the church, was assigned to theology; green, for herbs, went to medicine; purple, the color of emperors, went to law; and golden yellow, standing for wealth and alchemy, went to the sciences. Because philosophy means the love and pursuit of wisdom, in the case of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), dark blue represents the mastery of the discipline of learning and scholarship in any field for which the degree is conferred rather than in the discipline of philosophy alone.

Gowns vary by degree. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves. The master's gown has oblong sleeves, the rear of which are cut square and the front of which are cut in arcs. Both the bachelor's and master's gowns are untrimmed. The doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves and is faced down the front with black velvet. Three bars of velvet cross each sleeve. Often the bars are black, but they may also be in the color distinctive to the discipline in which the degree has been conferred.

In all cases, the exterior of the academic hood is black, and the interior is lined with the official color or colors of the institution that conferred the degree. The bachelor's hood is three feet in length; the master's is three and one-half feet; and the doctor's is four feet. The doctor's hood alone has panels at the sides. The edges of the hoods are velvet, and are two inches, three inches and five inches for the bachelor's, master's and doctor's degrees, respectively. The color of this trim is indicative of the subject to which the degree pertains.

The mortar board cap may be made of soft or hard material and, as its name suggests, symbolizes the role of learning in building individual and shared futures. The tassel is either black or the color appropriate to the subject, with the exception of the doctor's tassel, which may be gold.

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctors' gowns, edging of hoods and tassels of caps, the colors associated with different disciplines are as follows:

Agriculture	maize
Arts, Letters and Humanities	white
Commerce, Accountancy and Business	drab
Economics	copper
Education	light blue
Fine Arts	brown
Law	purple
Library Science	lemon
Medicine	green
Music	pink
Oratory	silver gray
Philosophy	dark blue
Physical Education	sage green
Science	golden
Theology	scarlet

The above text is adapted from *American University and Colleges*, 16th ed. (New York, 2001), pp. 1859-61.

Assumption College Alma Mater

Lyrics: Beverly Shaw Johnson (1985) Melody: *Christe sanctorum* (Antiphon, Paris, 1681)



1. Pledge we our loy-al-ty to As-sump-tion Col-lege
2. Our hearts will al-ways be with As-sump-tion Col-lege



Whose de-di-ca-tion in pur-suit of know-ledge
Her ban-ners wa-ving with out-stand-ing cou-age



With-stands the test of time, aids us in our on-ward climb
Call for fi-de-li-ty and protect a spi-rit free



In search of truth and light.
Long live the blue and white!

*Written upon the occasion of the 80th Anniversary
of the founding of Assumption College.*